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Kaimin is a Salish word for messages

Friday, May 3, 1996

Lee quits presidential race

Erica Curless
Kaimin Reporter

Presidential candidate Matt Lee quit the presidential race today, saying a fair election is impossible when the university administration meddles in student government.

Lee dropped from the race at about 1 a.m. after the Constitutional Review Board ruled to reinstate candidates Jason Thielman and Barbara O'Leary. The ticket filed a CRB grievance Thursday after the Senate booted them from the race for violating campaign rules.

Lee withdrew his candidacy without consulting his run-

ning mate, Sen. Jennifer Henry. Lee said Henry will probably agree with his decision. Henry was not available for comment.

"Their (administration) involvement has increased dramatically," Lee said. "It really stuck out with what happened this evening in the influence (University Legal Council) David Aronofsky presented to the Constitutional Review Board."

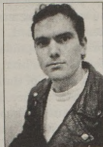
CRB Chairman Tye Deines agreed with Lee and said Aronofsky greatly influenced CRB members' decision during Thursday's meeting. As chairman, Deines does not vote.

Administrative intrusions,

like Aronofsky's, caused the CRB to sell out and overrule the legitimate Senate decision, said Lee, who did not attend the six-hour hearing Thursday.

Aronofsky and ASUM lawyer Bruce Barrett attended the hearing to answer questions and interpret Montana State election codes, said Thielman, ASUM business manager. Aronofsky was not available for comment.

If conflicts or ambiguities



Matt Lee

exist in ASUM bylaws and House rules, the Senate should turn to state code, Thielman said.

But state code should not have been included in the committee's decision, Lee said. "My concern is CRB is there to see if the constitution was broken," Lee said. "But people brought all these state rules into it. ASUM is different."

It was unclear Thursday if the presidential ticket eliminated in the April 24 primary will be allowed to rejoin the race. Regan Williams said he and vice presidential candidate Sen. Scott Carlson would re-enter if allowed under ASUM election rules. Until a

decision is made, Thielman and O'Leary are the only presidential/vice presidential candidates on the May 8 and 9 general election ballot.

Jason Vaupel and Marirose Spade have launched a write-in campaign after being barred from the race in April for early campaigning.

"In about a 24-hour period I have gone from not being a candidate on the ballot to a write-in candidate to getting my name back on the ballot to finding my competitor wants off the ballot," Thielman said. "This is all kind of confusing."

Thielman said he hopes the Williams/Carlson ticket are allowed to re-enter the race.

Board reinstates Thielman, O'Leary

Sonja Lee
Kaimin Reporter

After close to six-and-a-half-hours of debate, the UM Constitutional Review Board overturned the ASUM Senate's 13-5 decision to oust candidates Jason Thielman and Barbara O'Leary and reinstated them in the presidential race.

"I really had no idea what would happen," Thielman said after the CRB adjourned. "We have a lot of lost time to make up for now."

The CRB reached its decision last night after calling for sections of the ASUM House Rules pertaining to elections to be revised. Because the CRB decided the election laws were ambiguous and conflicting, the Senate should not have removed Thielman and O'Leary from the race for leaving up posters during the April 24 primary election, according to the CRB decision.

"Perhaps it's not as clear as it should be, but it's not ambiguous," Dana Shonk,

ASUM vice-president said. "And if something is unclear that doesn't mean it's unconstitutional."

A second motion was passed later in the meeting stating Thielman and O'Leary had violated ASUM House Rules by not removing all of their posters.

CRB then followed up with a decision to punish Thielman and O'Leary for the violation. CRB ruled the ticket must turn over their remaining campaign expenditures and not spend any more money on their campaign.

"I don't agree entirely with what the board did," Thielman said. "The rules are so ambiguous it's unfair to say we broke those rules."

Anticipating an outburst, CRB members had a telephone on-hand to contact University Police to remove people speaking out of order. Several audience members were threatened, but no one was removed from the meeting.

David Aronofsky, UM legal

See "CRB" page 7



Jordan LaRue/Kaimin

SCOUT, THE llama, shows off a common trait among his kind—curiosity. See related story page 8.

MTV says: Choose or lose

MTV is going to help students at UM "rock the vote."

Next Wednesday, May 8, the MTV "Choose or Lose" bus will be on campus from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. between the Mansfield Library and the University Center.

The point is to get students to register to vote and to have their voices heard. Ben Reed, co-director of Student Political Action, said.

"There will be computers up-linked to MTV World Domination Headquarters (Washington D.C.)," Reed said. "So students, right there on the spot, can make their views known to their elected representatives."

No new leads in search for Cross' body

Investigators haven't found any new leads in the search for Ryan Cross' body, a Missoula Police Department detective said Thursday.

The search was down-scaled in February when investigators were unable to locate the UM student's body.

Cross, 21, was last seen Feb. 10 walking with Carrie Thompson before he fell through

ice in the irrigation canal at the south end of Jacobs Island.

Detective Greg Willoughby said investigators ruled out possibilities that Cross didn't drown because they found footprints leading to where he fell through the ice.

Willoughby said the police don't have any new developments in the case, but have received several calls regarding

possible sightings of Cross' body. Investigators were unable to find anything in follow-up searches.

Investigators will continue to follow new leads, but Willoughby said, it's been difficult for divers to search the river due to spring run-off.

Willoughby said they will be more likely to find the body as the river recedes.

—Erin Juntunen

A note about today's insert. . .

Due to circumstances beyond the Kaimin's control, today's election insert contains some outdated information. The section was written and sent to press before the Constitutional Review Board voted to reinstate Jason Thielman and Barbara O'Leary in the presidential race and before the presidential ticket of ASUM President Matt Lee and Sen. Jennifer Henry dropped out of the race. Check today's front page for details of those developments.

Profiles of senatorial candidates and write-in presidential candidates Jason Vaupel/Marirose Spade, however, are up-to-date, as is the information about business manager candidates and ASUM referendums. The information about removing presidential candidates Thielman and O'Leary from the ticket are a chronicle of ASUM's actions leading up to the election.

Opinion

The pits and plums of spring semester

PLUM: To the Grizzly athletic administration for choosing Mick Dennehy to replace Don Read as head Grizzly football coach. Dennehy was the only logical choice to follow in Read's steps as he knows the program and can maintain Read's tradition of excellence.

Kaimin editorial

PIT: ASUM Sen. Rob Erickson's parking habits. Erickson was busted for misusing a parking decal to take advantage of disability parking. C'mon. It's hard to find a parking space on campus, but not so bad that anyone—let alone one of UM's most outstanding students—should be forced lie and cheat.

PLUM: Hats off to Ken Willett, director of the Office of Campus Security, and the UM administration for scraping up the money to continue Mountain Line bus service to UM at no cost to Griz Card holders.

PIT: ASUM Senate's childish antics. It was the year of the power play and ASUM did some strange budgeting. To name a few: Kyi-yo recognition and funding swung in and out, up and down like a yo-yo. The executive recognition for Kaimin funding went from \$39,000 to .39 cents in less than a week. And, the Senate opted to spend some \$20,000 on an untested ASUM Services Agency which duplicates services already offered in Missoula. The presidential campaign is the pinnacle to ASUM's year. It has been an embarrassment, but then maybe it has been muddling along at its finest.

PLUM: Intercession. What a great idea, especially when students have five, long, cold winter weeks to kill. While the long Christmas break is a boon for some students, most of us found ourselves without enough to do—too much time to sit and watch daytime television, not enough time to find a job. Hats off to UM Administration for planning ahead to offer classes next January.

APIT: To ping the pub: ASUM president Matt Lee's notion to create a University Center drinking establishment is ridiculous. Lee pitched the idea as a resource for teaching responsible drinking. While that may help sell the idea to the administration, it falls short with the Kaimin Editorial Board. You don't teach responsible drinking in a bar. And you don't teach responsible drinking by giving underage students a neighborhood pub. You teach responsible drinking through offering alternatives to drinking and courses about the affects of alcohol.

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The Ghost of Tom. . .Eagleton?

There's just too much madness about. I may succumb soon.

When I sat down to write the semester's final creed, I originally intended for it to be a final, definitive condemnation of the ASUM Senate for their unspeakable acts of partisanship, hubris, and outright hostility toward presidential candidates. Their refusal to uphold the ASUM constitution and, in my case, failure to follow House procedure were to be the cornerstones of a sharp essay detailing their obvious alliance with Satan.

However, it became clear that this would not do, mainly because it had already been done by many, including yours truly. As our good friend Senator Jeff Merrick exclaimed just before he strongly encouraged the ASUM Senate to literally turn its back on its enraged constituency, "We can't sit here and beat the dead horse like we do with a lot of issues." Indeed.

With that in mind, I then considered abusing myself in print as a penance for the gross clerical errors I've been making with regard to my matriculation. To explain: I discovered yesterday, contrary to my own belief, I do not need another semester of schooling to qualify for a bachelor's degree from this

Column by

Jason Vaupel

fine institution. Rather, all I need is of all things—a lower level writing course to receive my diploma. This, of course, throws the travel plans of my relatives

off kilter by about a year, to say nothing of my own life.

Yet, I realized that an entire five-to-six-hundred word column based on what a yutz I really am would not only classify as "indecent exposure," but could also be construed as what we in the world of big-time politics call "bad press." High-rolling candidates like my running mate (remember to spell her name right on the ballot, voters: Marirose Spade) and I need none of that, thank you.

So, as a young man turned to do in spring, my fancy turned to love. I planned to pen a beautiful outpouring of emotion to the delightful, charming lass with whom I've lately been sharing many sun-dappled walks and delicious meals. I planned to sing the praises of her unending grace, her youthful exuberance, her boundless charms. Typed psalms regarding her lean, powerful frame and stultifying beauty were to flow from my fingers and onto the page.

But I quickly shelved that idea, mainly because not too many folks want to read about a boy and the sweet animal he's

dog-sitting while the Master is out of town. Further, the Master would surely punish me were he to learn of my feelings for his pet, no matter how Platonic they may be.

Having exhausted those possibilities, I found myself scouring the Montana Kaimin for something—anything!—about which to prattle. Fortunately, on Page 5 of yesterday's edition I found Nirvana: a massive headshot of the Kaimin's own Institution, Kyle Wood.

A Kyle of calm overcame me as Kyle glowered at me from the page, looking very much like a studious Brad Pitt or better still, a bookish Tony Robbins. I felt sedate peering deep into his confident, bespectacled eyes: no prattling would be needed on this day. "Just drink deeply from my fountain of wisdom," the photo seemed to say. "All will be well."

I indeed it will...just as soon as I score what politics call a Double Eagleton by checking myself and my running mate into a clinic so that we may both enjoy our ensuing nervous breakdowns in peace. Why not? It's the only fitting end to this semester's tale of madness. It's just too much...

Jason Vaupel gives no quarter, and takes none. He prefers dollars—tightly rolled and lots of them.

Land board needs to follow rules

The Fort Missoula scandal continues. Commissioner of Higher Education Jeff Baker questions the motives of the state Land Board and the attorney general's office in investigating university land deals made since the adoption of the 1972 Montana constitution.

The attorney general recently concluded the deals were unconstitutional. Jeff Baker smells a plot against the Regents.

"Suddenly this thing drops from the sky," says Baker. "It looks political to me."

Well, it looks like democracy at its (almost) finest to me.

The Land Board has five members: Governor Marc Racicot, Superintendent of Public Instruction Nancy Keenan, Secretary of State Mike Cooney, Auditor Mark O'Keefe and Attorney General Joe Mazurek.

In May 1994, I petitioned the Land Board to retrieve land at Fort Missoula that the Regents had carelessly left with eager real estate developers.

Citizen concern for Fort Missoula inspired a remarkable petition drive and referendum in 1994 and the Montana Supreme Court's resounding vindication in 1995 of our right to referendum.

And it got people wondering how the developers got the land in the first place. I dabble in the

Column by

Ross Best

law and Jerry Berens of Save the Fort is a retired banker who appears as an expert witness in bank fraud cases. We got things done. We were outraged.

Why? First, the Regents had no authority to sell the land.

Second, no one has authority to sell public land for less than it is worth. But the Regents did so.

Third, unauthorized sales of public land are void.

Simply put, the Fort Missoula deal was inexcusably botched.

The group, Save the Fort, joined in and we got the Land Board's attention. Assistant Attorney General George Schunk researched for months and the Land Board was poised to sue.

In October 1995, the developers tiptoed away with a quarter of a million dollars more than they had come to them. The land was back.

In September 1995, I petitioned the Land Board to undo the dozens of other land sales and exchanges now at issue.

And I sued the Land Board, the Regents and the developers over the impending Fort Missoula overpayment.

The Land Board considered my new petition in October 1995 and the process gained a new participant. Frank Culver, from Bozeman, complained about happenings at the Agriculture

Experiment Station at MSU.

I mentioned my lawsuit, that I had not served the papers, and that I could and would amend the suit if the Land Board did not move on all the deals and the Fort Missoula overpayment.

The Land Board asked the Attorney General to investigate. Early this year, I learned that MSU transferred its mineral rights to the MSU Foundation in the 1980s.

I told the Land Board that leases, right-of-way easements and transfers of mineral rights were also suspect. The attorney general's report agrees.

That brings us back to motives. I don't want the Regents abolished. I want them to follow the rules.

The Land Board and the Attorney General show great deference to the Regents. They have proceeded very cautiously.

Marc Racicot is the only member of the board pushing for abolition of the Regents. He is also the only one who consistently resists Land Board action here.

The Attorney General urges legislative ratification of all tainted deals. I oppose ratification, but I know Joe Mazurek respects the university system.

Difficult though it is to type this column while patting myself on the back, I must insist the Land Board is just doing its job.

Citizens complain. The law speaks. And our elected officials justify our confidence in them.

To fund or not to fund: the Kaimin fee initiative

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Vote option one for a free Kaimin

Amid controversy that temporarily off relations between the Montana Kaimin and the ASUM Senate, the campus student governing body decided not to fund the student newspaper next year.

The move to zero-out the student-run publication was justified by the Senate and its executives by pointing out that a conflict of interest exists between the paper and the government that provides about 25 percent of its funding.

However, the series of events preceding the zero-budget recommendation from the Senate indicates the governing body was trying to punish the Kaimin for printing what was called inaccurate and skewed reporting.

Never fear, no matter what the reason behind the devastating cut was you have

the chance to let the Senate know that a free press is important to the UM community. It is essential that the student government of this campus not be allowed to operate unchecked by an independent newspaper.

Take the time next week to voice your opinion on the Kaimin fee issue. Don't think it is necessary to raise your own fees to save your paper. Vote for Option 1 on the Kaimin Fee ballot and divert a portion of the activity fee that you already pay to continue the 100-year history of free press on our campus.

Lorie Hutson
editor, Montana Kaimin
senior, journalism

Fund the paper, fund more groups

The argument behind not funding the Kaimin has been stated: remove the conflict of interest between the paper and ASUM. So let's examine the conflict of interest. Take this week's editorials which addressed the Thielman rule violation. Both editors expressed their opinions about how the Senate should interpret their House Rules. Let me say that the editorials were not in the least bit complimentary. Not only do anti-ASUM editorials inflame senators, but Molly Wood endorsed Thielman on behalf of the Kaimin. This is dangerous politics for the Kaimin to get involved in, because these same people the Kaimin so lovingly criticize budget money. The

Senate not only receives negative criticism from the editorial staff, but also may not like an ASUM reporter for inaccurate reporting. This puts the students who own the paper in a precarious position. While we play games with each other, you get caught in the middle.

Students, please vote for new \$2 fee increase and free the press. ASUM recognized 150 groups this year, up 30 from last year. The student population is increasing, and the \$28 Activity Fee can't handle the pace. By adopting the new fee we fund the paper and fund groups.

Dana Shonk ASUM vice president

New fee would 'dismantle' ASUM

The purpose of the activity fee is to fund student organizations via the ASUM funding process. The institution of a new fee for a student organization undermines the ASUM Constitution's intent to delegate those funding decisions to the Senate. Allowing what is clearly a student organization to establish its own revenue stream reinforces the poor precedent established with the radio fee.

However, the ASUM Senate voided the Kaimin budget for fiscal year 1997 with the intention of providing a ballot initiative for a Kaimin Fee. I believe the Senate plainly violated the spirit of the activity fee and the constitution that allocates it. Aware of their responsibility to oversee student organiza-

tions, they blatantly refused to do so with the Kaimin budget.

As I have indicated in a previous editorial, the Senate should renegotiate a fiscal year 1997 budget for the Kaimin using reserve monies and end this unfair attempt to avoid their delegated responsibility. This separate fee, like the radio fee, will slowly dismantle our student association. Although ASUM frequently finds itself embroiled in negative public relations, I believe that it still offers a more democratic fund allocation process for student monies.

Tye Deines
senior, political science and psychology

Letters to the Editor

Administration overstepped authority

Last night, the Constitutional Review Board overstepped its authority and sold out to the blatant and unjust intrusions of Main Hall and Administrative Lawyer David Aronofsky. They overruled a legitimate Senate decision suspending the candidacy of Jason Thielman after he openly admitted gross violation, effectively ignoring ASUM House Rules, Bylaws and Constitution. In yet another case of the Administration's total disregard for student control over their own affairs they have found a way to support Jason Thielman. Furthermore Dean Hollmann is making the UC find money to fund the Student Activities Board when the student run UC Board said that this was not a priority. The UC Board did say that renovations to make the UC handicap accessible was a priority. This priority will not be addressed with next year's budget, you tell me who is running the student funded building. I know it is not the students. I no longer want any part of what will never be a fair election and I hereby withdraw from the race.

Matt Lee
ASUM president

Thielman, O'Leary have ethical backbone

Editor,

According to the Kaimin article on May 2, 1996, we were some of the "65 emotional Thielman/O'Leary supporters" who attended the Wednesday Senate meeting. The Kaimin got it partially right—when we entered the meeting we were firm supporters of Thielman and O'Leary. Moreover, during the meeting we did get emotional about Thielman and O'Leary's disqualification, but our anger stemmed from a number of other sources as well.

We watched, first in bemusement and later in horror, the actions of the senate reflect their obvious lack of intelligence, ethics, and manners. This held true for most of that body, which coincidentally, denied the validity of the Thielman/O'Leary ticket.

They rolled their eyes and yawned when the students spoke at the beginning of the meeting. They

bristled with presumptuous anger when the students spoke of their grievances against the Senate. At one point, Jennifer Henry told a recently appointed senator what an obviously "thankless" job it was to be on the senate, jerking her finger toward the students in the back of the room. We were referred to as "ignorant," and as "morons" and likened by Sen. Cory Rigler (after he had already referred to himself as Martin Luther) to the tanks in Tiananmen Square. He later apologized for the remark, but its sting remained.

Our anger grew throughout the meeting, occasionally spilling out verbally—especially at the Tiananmen Square remark, and later when Sen. Jeff Merrick told the senate to ignore the students present. It was painfully obvious that their minds were made up before they ever entered that room.

Our greatest concern about this incident and of the senator's performance in general over the year, is the lack of ethics or idealism on the part of the senate. We, perhaps naively and idealistically, hold that the university system is the cradle of honesty and idealism for the nation.

Here our morals and ideas grow, and we have nothing to lose in practicing them. Wednesday's senate meeting was ripe in arrogance, corruption and political back-slapping. We were angry and emotional because these people represent America's future.

We admit that we, like many members of the student congregation, were out of order with verbal remarks. We would also like to say that those senators who voted to suspend Thielman and O'Leary's campaign were out of order as well. They were out of order because they consistently denied that they were representatives of the sovereign—the students. Their ignorance of the law, their callous presumptuous remarks, their inability to discern an ethical right and wrong—their actions were consistent and continually out of order.

We will vote for Jason Thielman and Barbara O'Leary next week not because of their stance on any political issue, but because they remained above the Machiavellian knuckle-fight in the dust which most of the senators, among them Matt Lee and Dana Shonk, descended into. Thielman and O'Leary showed an ethical backbone through which they defended themselves with honor and integrity. We, therefore, urge all students to write-in Jason Thielman and Barbara O'Leary in the upcoming general election.

Erik Hadley
senior, political science and history
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Reasoning behind the 'big mistake'

Editor,
I'm doing this because a student said to me, "Big mistake! Big mistake!" I felt bad about it at that time. But when I talked to other Senators they said, "You voted what you felt is right."

But I feel like the juror that was put in the corner and beaten to say, 'yes' while wanting to sit on the Senate next year. I've made a mistake in the eyes of the voters.

I offer this to you so you know what I was thinking when I was voting on Jason and Barb.

Hueth had a list of yes and no open beside me, the fight over the rules and who was right, which I threw out because the rules fight with each other on what is right and wrong.

That left me with only the signs that were put up that Cory had with him with no other person's name on it but his. One of the nine had another name.

Sitting on the University Court and deciding what to do with students that make trouble in the dorms and in classrooms left me no place to go for the rules, but inside of me and the ethics policy that I want to add to the Senate papers.

So ethically the problem is with Jason because Barb was sick the night we took down signs.

And now, we lose on the thing that I have been working on. If I could change it and make it matter I would! But with 12 Greek males on the Senate, what can one man do when the deck is against the students as a whole.

So, do what you think is right for you and the student body as a whole.

Ronald D. Kelley
ASUM senator

Business school adapts to future

Cameron Lawrence
for the Kaimin

With the opening of a new business school this fall, UM will boast two of the most advanced university computer labs in the country, and the infrastructure to adapt to the changing technological needs of the future, UM officials said last week.

"When the new building opens, the entire university community is going to have access to first-class resources as well as 16 new classrooms," said Larry Gianchetta, dean of the School of Business. "This really is an exciting time of The University of Montana."

The new building will have two state-of-the-art computer labs. The labs will add 100 computers to the campus, a 75 percent increase from the 135 which are now available to students. All of the new computers will have Pentium processors and Windows '95 software. One lab will have 50 computers and will be open for general use, while the other will be reserved, at times, for classes, said Shawn Clouse, technology coordinator for the School of Business.

The new building will also have the technical infrastructure in place that will allow professors to integrate technology directly into the classroom, Clouse said. In the tiered classrooms, for example, students will be able to plug their laptops into a sock-

et located near their seats, and access a network and download information such as class notes or exams. However, it will be some time before all of the capabilities will be available to the instructors, he said.

A dedicated facility to support remote learning programs and group conferencing will also be located in the new building, said John Cleveland, executive director for the Office of Information Technology.

"These capabilities will be available in the 250-seat lecture hall and a 60-seat classroom," he said. "The other classrooms will be connected at some point in the future."

One of the most interesting aspects of the new school is it has been designed to be modernized with further advances in technology, Cleveland said.

"We have cable trays in the ceilings where we can route new wiring and oversized conduit throughout the building which will enable us to adapt to whatever changes might be needed down the road," said Cleveland, an architect by training who contributed to the design of the new building.

"The adaptability of the building will probably prove to be more meaningful in the future than with the current equipment going in," he said. "The new building will be a great benefit for the university and the community for a long time to come."

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SUZANNE TRUMAN'S "I've Heard the Black Hearts Sing," top, and Janet Whaley's "Push Me-Pull Me," bottom, are two of the pieces in the MFA Thesis Exhibition, showing in the Gallery of Visual Arts in the Social Science building through May 18. There is a public reception today from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Regular gallery hours are Monday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Kaimin announces new arts insert

Lee Douglas
for the Kaimin

Cancel your subscription to "Rolling Stone." Forget about the Independent. There'll be a new print boss in town next year for all of your art-related needs.

As opposed to the twice weekly "Arts Page" which has formerly been reserved for arts coverage, the Kaimin will begin featuring a four page arts insert once a week this fall.

We are hoping the insert,

which has yet to be named, will pay for itself with ad sales.

Brian Hurlbut will remain the editor of this project. Reporters will be Zack Dundas, Morgan Sturges and myself. We expect to report on arts-related events both on and off campus, with priority given to student interests.

We want this project to involve the campus arts community more than previous publications. Therefore, send us your memos and let us know what's out there. Our

interests extend beyond university activities to your individual endeavors. We anticipate printing student photos, letters and writing samples with regularity. For now, send us your suggestions. We will be available to consider them throughout the summer.

Editor's Note: Former Wondertwin Lee Douglas will return next semester in the form of an ice sled, carrying with her loads of new and fun stuff for our readers to peruse. Stay tuned.

Semester's best arts highlights

▼ Arts writer's top five leaves some laughing, some crying

Zach Dundas
Kaimin Reporter

I am sorry, beloved readers. I wanted, truly wanted, to write a well-reasoned, considered piece for this final issue of the Kaimin. I'm too tired, though.

The fever-pitch insanity on campus — the student government jumping through hoops at the behest of a gang of cross-eyed fascist pimps, the university president tucked in the back pocket of the timber beast, and so on — has left me spent and limp. So, my last dispatch will have to be this, a lazy piece of hack journalism.

This is my version of the trite, derivative, off-the-cuff end-of-year story every ink-stained drunk who stumbles into the Fourth Estate draws up at deadline as the last page of the calendar starts turning. Since "arts" is my appointed bailiwick, and since Editor Brian Hurlbut is face-down and unconscious on his keyboard after gobbling too much Vivarin, I'm forced to churn this Best of The Arts '96 list out without much thought and with, God knows, little skill.

So, arranged in time-honored Top-Five format, here are Zach's Arts Highlights.

Number Five: The Champs 7" single on Missoula's own Waentage Records. Waentage impresario Josh Vanek trembled as he handed me this little slab of devilmint.

"For Christ's sake, man," he said, his eyes bugging out and a thin gauze of sweat covering his face, "whatever you do, don't let any children or animals listen to this record."

He was right. This single is sick. Twenty-three electric guitars march through prog-rock history in a lockstep formation so tight, it could be the envy of the ASUM Senate.

The Champs, from western Washington, worship darkness in a delicious way.

Number Four: Ballantrae live. Four out-of-state kids with a fondness for indie-pop and 40-ouncers showed Missoula the power of love this year. Every show was a little masterpiece, every song an opera. They're playing a final time tomorrow at the infamous Idaho House, and then they'll be but a memory.

Number Three: "From Dusk 'Til Dawn." A lot of people hated this movie, another savage product from the Tarantino Film Factory. I posit it went right over their innocent heads. Quentin and George Clooney swam in cinematic gore for a solid hour, and impaled vampire corpses hung from every wall by the end. Four goddamn stars with whiskey on top, I say.

Number Two: Denis Johnson live. The lunatic author from Northern Idaho came to UM and read to a packed house of admirers and imitators and reminded everyone that, despite best efforts of television and Joyce Carol Oates, fiction isn't dead. Anyone who hasn't read "Jesus' Son" should, post haste.

And finally, the most riveting entertainment of the year

Number One: The Matt Lee & Dana Shonk Comedy Hour. The dynamic duo of UM politics outdid themselves time and time again, making every day a cliffhanger. I mean, for Jehoshaphat's sake, it had to be performance art. Didn't it?

Editor's Note: Special Agent Zach Dundas will be away this summer stealing information for next year's top-secret Arts project. Don't try to contact him, it could be dangerous. Very dangerous, indeed.

MCT's production of "The Will Rogers Follies" continues at the Wilma, with evening performances May 3-5 at 8, and 2 p.m. matinees on May 4-5. Tickets are \$14, \$12 and \$8 for evening shows and \$8 for matinees.

Portland's Gravelpit, along with Thrillbilly and Shangri-La Speedway, will be at the Moose tonight at 9:30. Cover is \$3.

The "Beaux Arts Ball" will be held this Saturday from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the UC Ballroom. Tickets for the ball are \$3 per person and \$5 per couple. There will be a bar from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The UM Department of Music presents the UM Flute Choir under the direction of Maggie L. Schuberg, Saturday at 8 p.m., in the Music Recital Hall. Admission is free. Call 243-6880 for information.

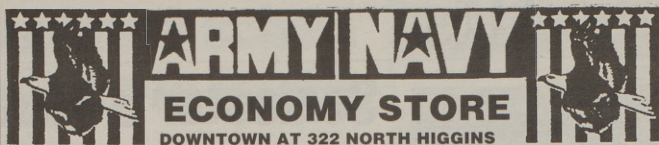
The Music Department also presents the University Choir under the direction of Gary Funk, and the Renaissance Singers under the direction of Patrick Williams Sunday at 3 p.m. in the

Music Recital Hall. Admission is free.

The UM Department of Drama/Dance presents the Spring Dance Concert May 8-11 in the Montana Theatre of the PARTV Center. A mix of dance and theatre will be offered with music ranging from Bach to Patsy Cline to Ani DeFranco. Performances are nightly at 8, and tickets are \$8 for the public and \$7 for students and seniors. For more information call 243-4581.

The French section of UM's Foreign Languages and Literatures Department, the French Club and Alliance Francaise present the premier of Claude Alrance's "La Bete Du Gevaudan," on May 9-11 at 7 p.m. in the Masquer Theater. The play proposes a very intelligent solution to the uncanny and horrific events which marred the life of a desolate, wild, rural region of France 22 years before the French Revolution. Each performance will be followed by a discussion in English and French.

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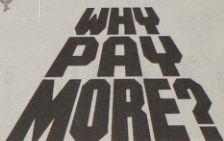
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CRAIG ANORUS lands in the dirt after jumping his mountain bike off a 3-foot-high ledge during the Gap-to-Gap race in Terrace Heights, Wash. in early June. This photo recently placed first in the "sports action" category of the College Photographer of the Year competition in Columbia, Mo. There were a total of 272 photographs entered in this category.

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CRB: Montana code applies to UM policy

counsel, and Bruce Barrett, ASUM legal counsel, both offered their opinions on the grievance. Aronofsky said the Montana election rules needed to be considered in the CRB decision. Aronofsky said campaign speech is under strict scrutiny," he said. "And it better be compelling." Sen. Ron Kelley said if Barrett and Aronofsky would've been at Wednesday's senate meeting, much of

remove billboards, yard signs, or posters on election day is not considered a violation."

Aronofsky said the issue of free speech is also involved in the case.

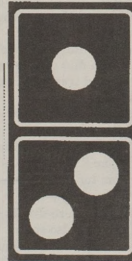
"Anything that restricts campaign speech is under strict scrutiny," he said. "And it better be compelling."

Sen. Ron Kelley said if Barrett and Aronofsky would've been at Wednesday's senate meeting, much of

Thursday's struggle could have been avoided.

"What we did last night was wrong," Kelley said. "If I could change my vote I would. It was a stacked deck."

The grievance filed by Thielman and O'Leary came less than a week after Sen. Cory Rigler filed a complaint against the presidential ticket for leaving campaign posters up on election day.



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DAVE HARMON makes eye contact with Annie, one of 30 llamas he owns. Harmon, a part-time UM professor, uses the llamas for packing in the mountains.

Loveable, low-impact llamas

Eco-friendly pack animals have personalities of their own

Karen Chávez
Kaimin Reporter

Andromeda trots to the edge of her pen with an inquisitive look on her camel-like face and her banana-shaped ears twitching. She leans over the fence, flirty eyelashes fluttering, only wanting to sniff the newcomer. She won't spit or bite. But stay away from her daughter, Cassiopeia. Llamas are very protective of their children.

Dave Harmon loves his llamas. He says they are calm, intelligent, friendly and gentle creatures with no upper teeth, so they never learned to bite.

Harmon runs a llama breeding and packing business called Ecollama with his wife, Amy Rubin, on a little ranch in the Rattlesnake. He knows all 30 of his llamas' idiosyncrasies, as individual as humans'.

Beau is persnickety - he'll spit if you get too close.

King Kong, a 6-foot tall, dark brown-wool llama, the largest in the herd, and white-wooled Black-Eyed Jack like to team up. But Harmon watches closely to see what they're scheming.

"If I let those two loose, they'll start to snicker behind my back and make plans to escape," Harmon says.

And he's really got to keep an eye on soon-to-be mama llama, Spring Moon. She's due to have a cria, a baby llama, any day.

Llamas, pronounced "yama" in Spanish, hail from South America, in the majestic Andes Mountains of Peru. The ancient Incas domesticated the llamas for use as

pack animals centuries ago to carry goods across the treacherous mountain slopes. They can climb nimbly to oxygen-thinned altitudes of over 12,000 feet.

Rural mountain villagers in Peru still depend on llamas today, preserving an age-old lifestyle. The llama wool is also a valuable resource and excellent insulator, woven by artisans into rugs, sweaters and ponchos.

Harmon and Rubin are now incorporating a little of this South American tradition into Montana culture.

Ecollama caters to the ecologically-conscious packer, Harmon says, providing a low-impact packing alternative for people with small children or those who are unable to carry heavy packs. Llamas, Harmon says, can get you a close-up look at the pristine wilderness of the Montana backcountry in an environmentally-friendly manner.

That's the way Harmon likes to run things, treading lightly on the earth where he can. Originally from Maine, he gave up a career as an electrical engineer, and he and Rubin came west in 1987 to raise llamas, much to their families' skepticism.

"When they ask us how the finances are going, we just say we're investing in stock," Harmon says.

When Harmon isn't guiding treks or composting llama manure, he teaches environmental studies at UM. When Rubin takes time from spinning llama wool, she works as an attorney for ASUM Legal Services.

They co-authored a book

on llamas that describes the advantages of llamas over horses for packing.

The evolution of llamas in the altiplanos of Peru has provided them feet with wide, softly padded undersides, giving them stability and preventing environmental degradation on the trails. It's almost like they're "walking in moccasins," Harmon says.

They have an efficient metabolism, allowing them to survive on a diet of pine needles, hay and tree bark, and little water.

"It's a smorgasbord for them," Harmon says.

Taking little food on the trail for the llamas allows more room for fishing poles and fresher people-food, rather than freeze-dried gorp.

Llamas are also safer around small children than horses, and don't spook as easily. Harmon recalls how they once saved his hide, with what he calls their llama alarm, warning of grizzlies ahead on the trail.

Llamas are also gaining in popularity as sheep protectors. Their natural hostility to coyotes keeps many would-be sheep killers away.

There are now about 15 llama ranches in Missoula, but Harmon is not looking to expand right now. Instead, he's searching for a UM student intern for the summer, to work as an Ecollama backcountry guide and learn about llama life. Harmon will need more help this summer since Rubin won't be able to accompany him on the treks.

"Now we've got two human babies to take care of," he said.

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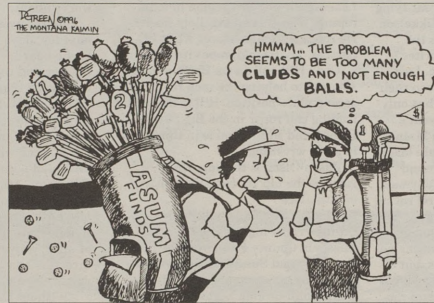
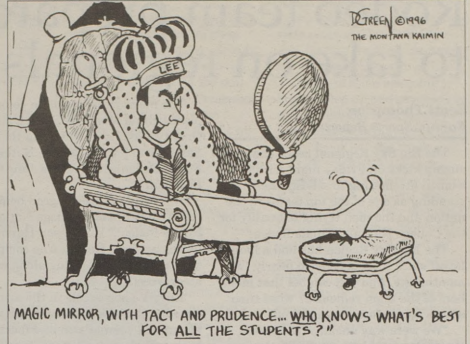
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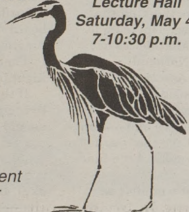
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Sports

Rodeo team prepares to take on regionals

Scott Thompson
Kairim Sports Reporter

The Big Sky Regional rodeo championship kicks off Friday night with the women attempting to solidify their standing as one of the top teams in the nation and the men trying to qualify for the College National Finals Rodeo.

The Big Sky Region has had a long layoff since their last rodeo nearly two months ago. And you can bet that members of the team remember what their status was before the big layoff.

"We were way ahead of the rest of the nation," said Teresa Wolff, the region's second best scorer in goat-tying behind UM captain Erlonna Mikkelsen.

For the second straight year the women are considered the favorites to win the national championship. Last year, the women came up short in their bid to claim the title, but that has only served as a motivator for this year's team, said women's coach Lisa Mainey.

Freshman Rachael Myllymaki leads the race for the women's all-around title followed by Mikkelsen. Myllymaki has a commanding lead in barrel racing and is second in breakaway roping. She is also tied for third in team roping.

Coach Joe Dursio, Jr., said he has not seen the latest national results, but said, "I think Rachael is clearly going to be the national leader in barrel racing."

Mainey said just having Myllymaki won't be enough to take home a national title, though.

"It takes a full team, a little of everyone to win the title," Mainey said.

The men are currently in second place behind Montana State University. Only two teams qualify from the Big Sky Region for the College National Finals Rodeo which starts June 9 in Bozeman.

"We need to throw a good hometown rodeo (to get to the College National Finals Rodeo)," said Jason Harris, a freshman from Helena who competes in bareback and bull riding along with steer wrestling.

Riley Wilson excels in the men's timed events. He is third in the men's all-around competition and fourth in both calf roping and steer wrestling. Leading the Big Sky region in team roping, Wilson is an excellent heeler. He ropes the calf's hooves while his partner, Myllymaki, ropes its horns.

Cody Hill and Jason Buffington are also key to helping the men retain their second place position. Hill is the second leading calf roper in the Big Sky Region and Buffington is in third place in steer wrestling.

Jason Olson is the only UM bull rider in the top 10. He is currently in eighth place.

The Big Sky Regional championship begins Friday night at 7 at the Missoula County Fair Grounds. Both Saturday and Sunday action will get underway at 1 p.m. and Saturday night's bull-o-rama begins at 7.

As captain, Mikkelsen said the team's goal for the Big Sky Regional championship is for a solid rodeo to set themselves up for a run for the national championship that eluded them last year.

Funding a champion

▼ The UM Rodeo Team receives no money from the university but manages to survive

Scott Thompson
Kairim Sports Reporter

The UM women's rodeo team went to the College National Finals Rodeo last year expecting to claim the national championship, but left without the crown.

Erlonna Mikkelsen, one of the nation's leaders in goat-tying both this year and last, remembered being scared to face the rodeo team's board of directors after the "disappointing" finish. Mikkelsen feared she had let them down, but she had nothing to worry about.

She received numerous calls the next few days from several members of the board — all of them encouraging her and congratulating her on the incredible season she had.

The support Mikkelsen received from the directors is the kind that keeps the team going. The team is not aligned with UM athletics or affiliated with the National Collegiate Athletic Association, instead they are considered a club. UM does provide the rodeo team with five in-state fee waivers and one out-of-state waiver, but it's the board of directors that does most of the fund-raising.

"Without them, it wouldn't be going," said Joe Dursio, Jr., faculty advisor to the rodeo team.

Pat Dodson, YMCA director and member of the board said: "This is one of the most powerful boards in the community. They're the movers

and shakers."

The common denominators of all members of the board is "a great love for the sport of rodeo and young people," said Dodson, who still enjoys going to some of the practices and team roping. "Even as old as I am," he said.

The team has benefitted greatly from the board's love affair with rodeo.

Many of the athletes on the rodeo team are on at least a partial scholarship. Some of the money for the scholarships comes from a \$100,000 endowment that was anonymously given to the team. The rest comes from events like the Cowboy Ball. This year Dodson expects 350 to 400 people to pay \$150 a couple to attend the fund-raising dinner that will be held at Bill Mytty's Lolo Peak Arena Saturday, May 11. Mytty, who is a board member, allows the team to practice at his arena.

There will also be an auction that night to gain money for the team.

If the sixth annual Cowboy Ball lives up to expectations, the team should take in around \$20,000 toward its scholarship fund. The scholarships awards are based on good citizenship as well as rodeo skill, Dodson said, ensuring good character in the UM rodeo team.

"These are not the typical cowboys of the past who are not supposed to get good grades," Dodson said. "Montana's historical way of the past is alive and in very good hands."

UM kickers end winning spring season

The UM women's soccer team is wrapping up the spring season in Helena Sunday at C.R. Anderson Middle School at 2 p.m. against Montana's Olympic Development U-18 team.

The Grizzlies are 5-0 thus far in the spring season, having not even allowed a single goal. The highlight of the spring season was a 2-0 victory over Washington State University.

The ODP team is coached by Tri Pham and is assisted by Shannon Walters. Pham serves as the Grizzly's goalkeeper coach and Walters volunteered as an assistant coach for UM last fall.

The Grizzlies are coming off a 12-7 fall season. The upcoming season marks the Grizzlies third season and the first time they will have had any seniors on the squad in Megan Bartenetti and Sheralyn Fowler.

UM opens the fall season against Brigham Young University on August 31.

—Scott Thompson

Canadians, 'Cats invade Missoula

Thomas Mullen
Kairim Sports Editor

Memo to U.S. border control: The stragglers appearing to be in possession of dangerous weapons and attempting to cross into the United States should not be detained. They have reservations in Missoula.

Montana State and a small group of hammer and javelin throwers from the University of Lethbridge are the UM track team's competition in the UM Spring Fling at Dornblaser Field Saturday morning — barring intervention from the U.S. customs office.

UM head track coach Dick Koontz said the group of four or five Canadian athletes compete at the club level in Lethbridge. Not to slight the group, he said his main focus remains on MSU.

"We're looking at it from a head-to-head standpoint," the coach said.

He said there are other goals involved, too.

UM has qualified 23 athletes for the Big Sky Conference Championships, held in Tempe, Ariz., May 15-18. But Koontz said there are many more individuals on his team who he feels still can achieve the set conference standards in their events. With just one more chance after this weekend to



Jordan LaRue/Kairim

JASON FISHER works out at Dornblaser Field Thursday afternoon. The UM track team will face off this weekend against Montana State and a group of Lethbridge, Alberta, throwers.

qualify his athletes, Koontz said he would like to get some more ready for Tempe. He would also like Arizona's climate to move up north this weekend.

"We've got a lot of athletes close to qualifying, we just need a good day," Koontz said, after a particularly windy trip to Cheney, Wash., last weekend. "We're trying to get better and

we're just hoping for some good weather to do it in."

Recent cool weather has caused a rash of injuries on the UM team, and a number of its athletes will again sit out due to injuries or conflicts. Sprinter Todd Herring will be in Helena with the UM football team as a wide receiver, while Koontz said others are still making sure small injuries don't

become big ones before the championships.

"It's hard to keep kids out of events that could score for you, but at the same time you've got to give them the opportunity to perform well at the conference championships," Koontz said.

Nonetheless, Koontz said his team is in good MSU-tackling and fending-off-Canadians shape.

UM gridders' spring season marked by success

Thomas Mullen
Kaimin Sports Editor

As the UM football team heads into its final scrimmage of the spring season Saturday in Helena, new head coach Mick Dennehy leads a team that has all the means for another national championship. Below, why.

• Question. Could the defense that stuffed some of the best teams in Division I-AA in the playoffs last year be getting better already?

"Absolutely. We saw it in the first three days," said UM defensive coordinator Jerome Souers.

It's the answer other Big Sky teams did not want to hear. Souers said with a solid cast of members, the defensive goals for the spring were to fortify weaknesses in a mostly seamless package of prowess. Even the seams aren't too seamy. Linebacker Jason Crebo, picked second in conference defensive MVP voting last season, continues to sit out of contact practices with a precaution-treated knee injury. Souers said Crebo's

absence has allowed other players to emerge as solid candidates in next year's defensive scheme, including junior line-backer Greg Fitzgerald, who Souers said is looking to fill in on a defensive unit that is learning to function even without its top horse.

• The fight to assume Dave Dickenson's starting quarterback job is now between Brian Ah Yat and Josh Paffhausen. Dennehy said Ah Yat, a sophomore, and Paffhausen, a junior, have become "noticeably better" over the three weeks of spring drills, and have edged senior Darren Rowell out of a three-way quarterback controversy. Dennehy said he had originally hoped to settle on just one probable starter by the end of spring drills, but he is not going to hurry a decision until he sees more from Ah Yat and Paffhausen, who have stacked up nearly dead even in the

team's two scrimmages this season.

"I feel like we can win with both kids," Dennehy said. "It would have been nice if someone had emerged, but I sure don't think it's the end of the world."

• You can't say enough about a good defense and neither can we. With nine returning starters, names aren't hard to come by on the Grizzly defensive squad. But a few made Souers' eyes gleam. Randy Riley and Corey Falls are, Souers said, admittedly different from the bullish "Yo Manzanarez" type of lineman Montana typically recruits. But, he said, they're quicker and faster than any in recent memory. He also dared people to pick the no-name out of the safety lineup: Goicoechea, McElmurry, Remington, because the task may not be so easy next season. Other names: Bouchee, Toone, Thompson, Simron ...

"We expect everybody flying around on Saturday," Souers said.

• Starting offensive tackle Jeff Zellick is also not participating in contact drills, leaving both tackle positions just two-deep for this weekend's scrimmage. Dennehy said the team

has been healthy through spring drills, with injuries amounting to no more than "nuisance kind-of-things."

• The only defensive position without an exclamation point behind it could be at cornerback, where senior Justin Hazel can only hold down one of the positions in a single play. Freshmen Di'Onite Smith and Justin Gaines will be forced to help at the other corner next season, though Souers said the probable return of Billy Ivey, who sat out in '95 due to problems in academic requirements, will help. He said even with Ivey's proven talent, he doesn't expect the senior to have to jump right back in.



Billy Ivey

"He hasn't played since '93 and I'd hate to put a lot of pressure on him coming in," Souers said.

• As the new head Grizzly, Dennehy has his eyes on the future, and he likes what he sees. Dennehy noted an "awful

good" freshman class as perhaps the biggest surprise in Grizzly spring drills. He said the class, which includes Gaines, Smith, running back Nate Sanders, and wide receivers Travis Walker and Jeremy Watkins, are among the best crop he's seen at UM.

"Some of them are going to have to step up and get ready to go this summer because they're going to have to play some back-up spots for us," the coach said.

• The Grizzlies' 1:30 p.m. scrimmage at Vigilante Stadium this weekend in Helena will bring four capital city products back to their high school field: Justin Olson, Tim Agee, Andy Larson and Jason Crebo will all make the trip back home Saturday. Not all will have a chance to show off for the home crowd. Crebo is out with the knee thing and Andy Larson is a victim of a scrimmage format that leaves kickoffs out of the picture. And even for a guy who twice his senior year of high school put kickoffs through the Vigilante uprights, Dennehy will not change the rules.

"Hopefully he'll enjoy kicking the PATs and the field goals, but he won't be able to show his old kickoff form," Dennehy said.

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Students on graduation fast track

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Kaimin News Editor

Students in Montana's university system will have one of the fastest tracks to graduation in the country when the new 120-credit cap takes hold in fall 1997.

In March, the Board of Regents voted unanimously to drop the number of credits students need to graduate in most degrees from 128 to 120.

The number works out to be 15 credits per semester over four years. The decrease, which aims to streamline universities and help students get a degree in four years, makes Montana one of only a few states in the nation to opt for the 120-credit cap.

UM Provost Robert Kindrick said schools in Illinois have used a 120-credit system for the past 10 or 15 years, and university systems in Arizona and Florida are also trying to get a similar measure in place.

"We certainly didn't reinvent the wheel with this,"

Kindrick said Thursday.

But most other schools in Northwest, including the three major colleges in the Idaho university system, are still using a 128-cap system. Many are experiencing the same graduation problems that encouraged Montana to make the switch.

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UM Provost

According to a study at UM, only 11 percent of the 1,321 incoming freshmen in 1989 graduated in four years, about 29 percent had secured a degree in five years and 35 percent had graduated in six years.

And it's much the same story elsewhere, said Barbara Lawrence, Idaho State's director of institutional research. Lawrence said of the 598 full-time freshmen who entered ISU in 1989,

only about 10 percent graduated in four years, and it took six years for almost 33 percent of those students to eventually earn a degree. Still, Idaho's universities are far from ready to adjust their credit caps, she said.

"These are problems that are universal across the country," she said. "We just don't think it's a problem serious enough to warrant any extraneous measures right now."

While many university officials, including UM President George Dennison have shown support for the change, others are much more skeptical. Officials at Montana Tech in Butte and Western Montana College in Dillon are asking that many of their programs be excluded from the new plan and will lobby the regents at their May meeting.

Still, Kindrick said UM is largely in favor of the move.

"I have gotten very little negative feedback," Kindrick said. "Most of what I've heard from students has been very supportive."

Faculty Senate to vote on 120-credit option

Kim Skornogoski
for the Kaimin

UM junior Carina Driscoll won't be taking History of Rock and Roll next fall if the Faculty Senate allows the 120-credit limit to take effect in the fall of 1996.

The Faculty Senate will be debating Wednesday whether to implement the credit change in fall of 1996 or in fall of 1997. Driscoll, a political science major, would pack her schedule next year with 19 credits of filler courses if the current 128-credit cap is kept in place next fall.

"I will just be filling space in classrooms where students are struggling to get in to fill requirements," she said. The state is subsidizing in-state students who take an excessive amount of electives, she said.

About 60 percent of the majors offered at UM, many in the College of Arts and Sciences, would reduce their number of electives by eight. Other majors need broader

curriculum changes for a 120-credit limit.

Internal paperwork is the only roadblock to launching the 120-credit cap, Associate Provost Fritz Schwaller said.

Faculty Senate Chair Randy Bolton said the change is aimed at helping students and assumed the Faculty Senate would support the fall 1996 date.

"The students know this is coming," said Greg MacDonald, chair of Radio/TV. "For programs that can do this quickly, let's do this quickly."

Each department would okay the 120-credit requirement by signing graduation papers for its students.

Associate English Professor Joselyn Siler has already told some of her advisees about the possible change.

"People need to know they could graduate at the end of fall," she said.

Even with the date change, students must complete all general education and departmental requirements, including 39 upper-division courses.

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